



COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: Ms Greg Mortimer Arctic Cruises 2022																			
Proponent: F.K. Warren Ltd.																			
Location: Kitikmeot, Qikiqtani																			
Comments Due By: July 19, 2022	NIRB #: 22TN039																		
<p>Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>no concerns</td> <td>traditional uses of land</td> </tr> <tr> <td>water quality</td> <td>Inuit harvesting activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>terrain</td> <td>community involvement and consultation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>air quality</td> <td>local development in the area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>wildlife and their habitat</td> <td>tourism in the area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>marine mammals and their habitat</td> <td>human health issues</td> </tr> <tr> <td>birds and their habitat</td> <td>other: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>fish and their habitat</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>heritage resources in area</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please describe the concerns indicated above:</p>		no concerns	traditional uses of land	water quality	Inuit harvesting activities	terrain	community involvement and consultation	air quality	local development in the area	wildlife and their habitat	tourism in the area	marine mammals and their habitat	human health issues	birds and their habitat	other: _____	fish and their habitat	_____	heritage resources in area	_____
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<p>Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?</p> <p><u>Marine and Safety Security</u></p> <p>In the Arctic, the <i>Canada Shipping Act, 2001</i>, the <i>Marine Liability Act</i>, the <i>Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act</i>, <i>Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations</i> and the <i>Marine Transportation Security Act</i> combine to provide Canada's operational regulatory regime governing marine safety, security and environmental protection matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Canada Shipping Act, 2001</i> (CSA) provides an overall regime to protect the safety and the environment for vessels operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction. Its regulations include requirements for a vessel's construction, management of ballast water, pollution control, arrangements for emergency response, and crew qualifications. Pollution response and prevention measures apply in respect of vessels in Canadian waters or waters in the exclusive economic zone of Canada. The <i>Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act</i> (AWPPA) provides enhanced environmental protection with respect to vessels operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction north of 60° North latitude. Canada has developed new regulations, the <i>Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution</i> 																			



Prevention Regulations (ASSPPR) that incorporate the Polar Code, with the addition of specific Canadian modifications designed to provide clarity on discharge requirements for the prevention of pollution by oil, by sewage, and by garbage from vessels, as well as the control of pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk. Note that the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act (AWPPA) places a complete prohibition (zero discharge) of pollution from ships/vessels in “arctic waters”, as defined in the AWPPA, except where regulations authorize.

- The ASSPPR should be adhered to when transiting in the Canadian Arctic.
- The *Marine Liability Act* sets out a regime that requires vessels operating waters under Canadian jurisdiction to carry insurance to pay for damages from oil spills.
- The *Marine Transportation Security Act* sets out a regime to protect and preserve the efficiency of Canada's marine transportation system against unlawful interference. The Department helps the industry achieve compliance with marine security legislation and regulations through awareness, certification, inspection, and enforcement, and helps ports, marine facilities and vessels implement the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code through the Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSRs).

These Acts and Regulations combine to provide Canada's operational regulatory regime governing marine safety and environmental protection matters. Transport Canada administers these Act and Regulations and is responsible for monitoring compliance and enforcing its requirement. Vessels in the Canadian Arctic are required to comply with the above acts and regulations as applicable

Additionally, please note the following:

- Transport Canada has committed to improving awareness of cruise ship operators and has developed cruise ship guidelines that are intended to provide information on the requirements of Federal and Territorial government agencies during the planning phase of cruises and during the subsequent Arctic voyages. Information provided by several non-governmental organizations has also been included.
 - <https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp13670e.pdf>
- Section 7A of the Annual Notice to Mariners provides additional advice for voyage planning in Canadian Northern waters.
 - <https://www.notmar.gc.ca/publications/annual/annual-notices-to-mariners-eng.pdf>
- Vessel to comply with the Interim Order No. 3 Respecting Vessel Restrictions and Vaccination Requirements Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019.
 - <https://tc.canada.ca/en/ministerial-orders-interim-orders-directives-directions-response-letters/interim-order-no-3-respecting-vessel-restrictions-vaccination-requirements-due-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- For the 2022 cruise ship season, cruise ships will also be subject to new non-mandatory environmental measures as outlined in Ship Safety Bulletin No.10/2022.



- <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/ship-safety-bulletins/new-environmental-measures-cruise-ships-waters-under-canadian-jurisdiction-2022-season-ssb-no-10-2022>

Indigenous Relations Unit

The Canadian Arctic is governed under a 'joint-management model' whereby a variety of federal, provincial, and territorial government departments and agencies, along with Indigenous and local communities and regulatory boards play separate and important roles. Navigating waterways in the Canadian Arctic are subject to comprehensive Land Claims Agreements and the operator must seek the proper permissions prior from all relevant authorities.

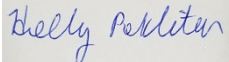
Transport Canada recommends operators contact Territorial Land Claim Administrators to ensure the proper procedures are followed prior to arrival. Most Canadian Arctic communities welcome visitors, provided they are contacted well-in-advance and have a chance to prepare for visitors.

Community members enjoy the opportunity to share their hospitality, culture and knowledge of the Arctic. Many Arctic communities still involves traditional activities; hunting, fishing and eating 'country foods'. It is therefore important that visitors be respectful and culturally sensitive of these activities.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes No Any additional comments?

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Position: Regional Environmental Advisor **Organization:** Transport Canada

Signature:  **Date:** July 18, 2022